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SUBJ: BAHAMAS MILITARY FACILITIES AND MARITIME BOUNDARY
NEGOTIATIONS

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IN CONVERSATION WITH MIN EX AFF PERMSEC ORIS RUSSELL
(WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO WORK AFTER 6 WEEKS MEDICAL LEAVE)
APRIL 28, I WAS INFORMED THAT IT IS HIS STRONG OPINION
THAT GCOB PREFERS THAT JUNE FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS SESSION
"STICK TO UNRESOLVED TECHNICAL MATTERS AS ALREADY AGREED
UPON." ACCORDING TO RUSSELL, SUBSEQUENT MEETING'S CAN
THEN FOCUS ON THE RENT AND OTHER POLITICAL MATTERS.
WHEN ASKED ABOUT APPROXIMATE DATE HE PREDICTED NEGOTIATIONS
WOULD BE COMPLETED, RUSSELL WAS NONCOMMITTAL. PRESSED,
HE STATED THAT MINISTER ADDERLEY'S COMMENT TO AMBASSADOR
ON APRIL 24 THAT TALKS COULD BE CONCLUDED IN JUNE WAS
COMPLETELY "OFF THE TOP OF MINISTER'S HEAD" AND THAT NO
SIGNIFICANCE WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE ATTACHED THERETO.
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